

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Objection

SPECIFICATION

Abstract has been objected to. The Office Action indicates that Abstract should not exceed 150 words and legal phraseology should be avoided.

Abstract has been amended as shown above addressing the objection.

CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been objected to because of informalities. The Office Action indicates that the term "FPC" in claim 1 should be spelled out.

Applicant notes that the term FPC appears in claims 3 and 4, not claim 1. However, by this amendment, claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled, and claim 1 has been amended. Amended claim 1 includes the term FPC and is spelled out as a Flexible Printed Circuitry.

DRAWINGS

The Office Action indicates that new corrected drawings are required because Fig. 4b does not have any labels to identify the elements.

Fig. 4b is amended as shown above adding reference numerals and new Fig. 4b is being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that these objections be withdrawn.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. All of the pending claims stand rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are amended. Claims 3 and 4 are cancelled. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

In paragraph five (5) of the Office Action, claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Office Action indicates the phrases “the surface”, “the middle”, “the bottom”, “the front” and “the inner” of claim 1 lack antecedent basis.

While Applicant believes that the cited phrases above do not require antecedent basis because these are “inherent components of element” (MPEP 2173.05(e)), claim 1 has been amended as shown above to address this issue.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,011,699 to Murray et al. (“Murray”).

Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled rendering the rejection directed to these claims moot.

Claim 1 has been amended for further clarification. In particular, amended claim 1 recites, among other things, “said projecting part and a FPC passage route of the second hinge aperture, have a second slot serving as a passageway for a FPC’s connection part, said second slot allowing said FPC’s connection part that is wider than the diameter of said second hinge aperture to pass there through, and wherein said second knuckle has a subsidiary guide slot on

the opposite parts of said projecting part and the FPC passage route of the second hinge aperture, serving as a guideway for said FPC's connection part and preventing said FPC's connection part from being damaged during passing said second hinge aperture."

Murray discloses a shaft 2210 that extends from the bottom housing 108 at the first knuckle 2210 along an axis 2212. The shaft 2210 includes not so much a barrel to be seized for insertion in the first hinge aperture 2207 as a shaft slot to permit insertion of the FPC through it.

One of the aspects of the present invention, however, has an element of a projecting part 120 having a second slot 104 as well as a subsidiary guide slot 116. The projecting part 120 is formed at one end of a second knuckle 110 in union so as to prevent the second slot 104 from being rotated or shaking, for the FPC's connection part 151 especially the elbow part to be damaged during passing a second hinge aperture 111. Moreover, the projecting part 120 has more element of the subsidiary guide slot 116 that serving as a guideway for FPC's connection part 151 and that Murray fails to teach.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that claim 1 as amended is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Murray for at least the reasons discussed above.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and incorporates each and every element of claim 1. Accordingly, claim 2 is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Murray for at least the similar reasons to claim 1.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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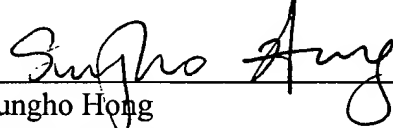
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An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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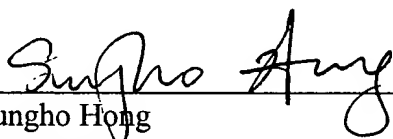
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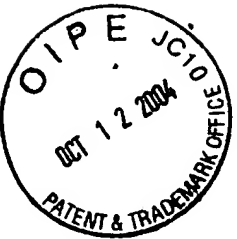
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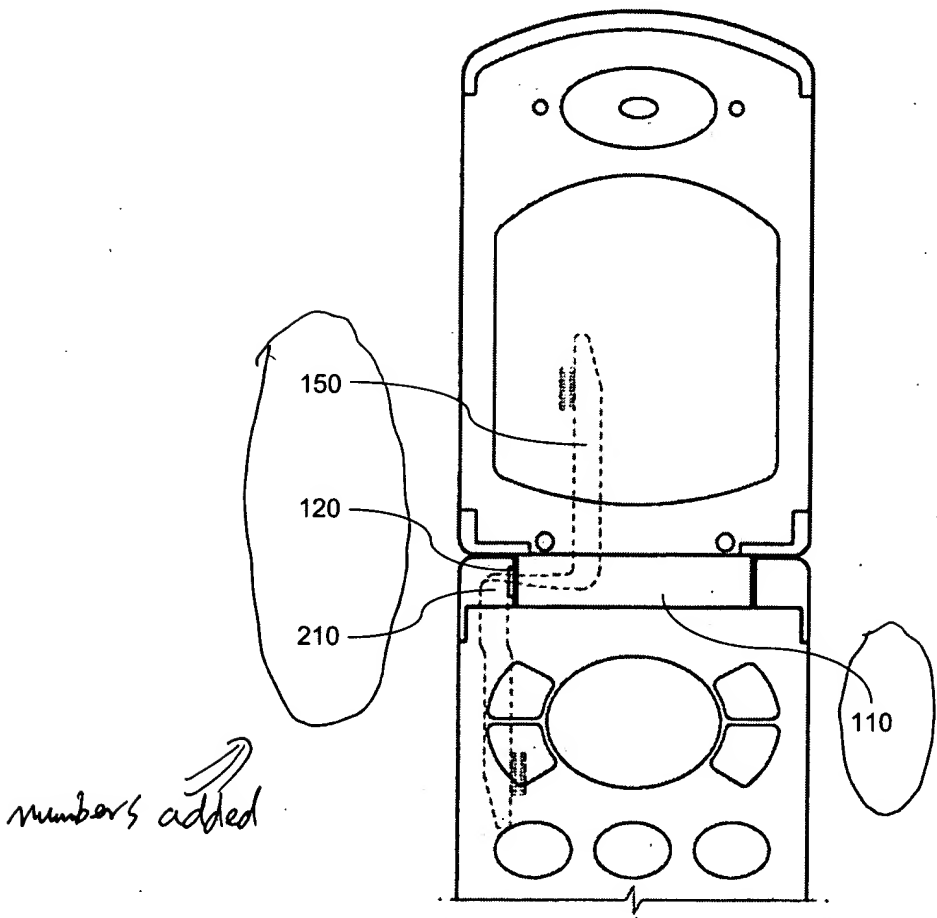

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【Fig. 4b】